

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

95th General Assembly
First Regular Session

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FLOOR ACTIONS

Last week, the General Assembly passed the fiscal year 2010 state budget 24 hours before the Constitutional deadline. The \$23.1 billion budget appropriates money to state agencies and offices of elected officials. In addition, the passed bills set out a spending plan for the federal stimulus money the state will be receiving. Some of the projects slated to receive stimulus funds include:

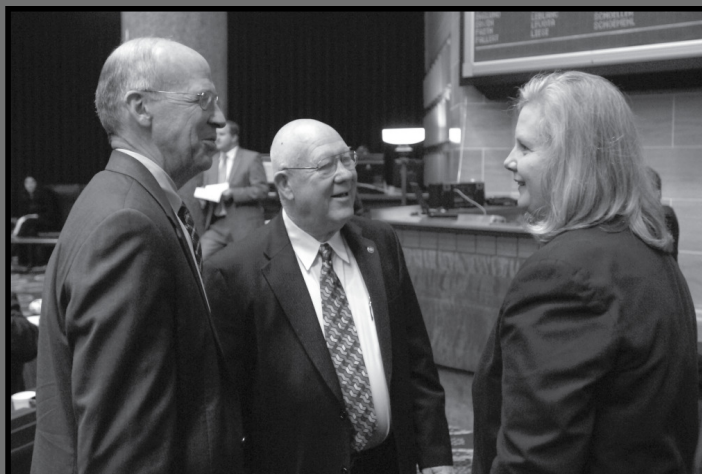
- Nearly \$112 million for a statewide communications system for law enforcement.
- \$31.2 million for Ellis Fischel Cancer Center in Columbia.
- \$12 million for St. Louis METRO to restore routes cut at the end of March.
- \$12 million to the Department of Economic Development for construction upgrades to facilities that focus on the development of markets for Missouri products.
- Millions of dollars to universities across the state for campus construction projects.

Last week the General Assembly truly agreed to and finally passed 51 House Bills and 13 Senate Bills. In addition, the House third read two House Bills and 11 Senate Bills.

Dates of Interest

- May 15
Session ends
- July 14
Deadline for
the governor
to sign bills
- September 16
Veto session
begins

Photo of the Week



Rep. Ed Emery and Rep. Gayle Kingery speak with former Speaker of the House Catherine Hanaway.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 5/11/09
9:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1,241
# HBs Referred to Committee	1,261
# HBs Reported Do Pass	212
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	111
# HBs Perfected	191
# HBs Third Read	188
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	172
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	61
# HBs TAFP	60



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FAST FACTS

Below is a comparison of House and Senate actions as of May 11 of each year.

Year	HBs Filed	SBs Filed	HBs 3rd Read in House	SBs 3rd Read in Senate	HBs TAFP	SBs TAFP
2009	1,241	594	188	123	60	23
2008	1,336	600	174	124	25	16
2007	1,330	732	151	177	58	27
2006	1,207	723	173	196	63	84
2005	991	576	159	167	52	65

MORE FLOOR ACTIONS

In addition to the budget, the General Assembly also truly agreed to and finally passed:

- **HB 82**, which authorizes an individual income tax deduction for 15% of any military retirement income which increases by 15% annually until 2016 when it is fully phased in.
- **HB111**, which allows unclaimed cremated remains of veterans to be collected by a veterans' service organization for the purpose of internment under certain circumstances.
- **HB236**, which establishes Kaitlyn's Law. This law requires school districts to allow certain students with disabilities to participate in graduation ceremonies after four years of high school attendance.

The House also third read and passed the following bills:

- **HJR 37**, which proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to vote by secret ballot for all public offices, initiatives and referendums and any authorizations regarding employee representation.
- **HCS SCS SBs 36 & 112**, which modifies provisions relating to sexual offenses against children.

Did you know?



The Missouri House of Representatives installed electronic voting in 1947 to replace the role call voice vote. When installed, the board using fiber-optic lines was trendsetting. After 50 years of use, the House replaced the original board with the current state-of-the-art voting boards in 1998.